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The Jesenice rolling mill is already serially producing thick sheet metal for ships.

HUGE FORGING SHOP UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Borba, No 36, 12 Feb 50

In Zenica a large forging shop is under construction. It will be equipped with two large steam hydraulic presses of 1,800 tons and 3,500 tons respectively, which will forge large parts for machines, which thus far have been imported. On the smaller press 14-ton machine parts and on the larger press parts up to 70-tons will be forged. The presses will also forge large axles for ship engines, axles for turbines, parts of ship rudders, and axles for Diesel engines of 1,000 and 1,500 horsepower. All these parts have had to be imported from abroad in the past. Also, numerous forged parts for railroad cars and locomotives will be produced by the shop's steam hammers, which have a driving power of 1,500 kilograms.

In addition to the forging shop, a rolling mill for the production of locomotive and railroad car rims also will be erected. The forging shop will make Yugoslav heavy industry independent of imports from foreign countries in many respects. It will provide Yugoslav machine factories and industry in general with 100,000 tons of forged parts per year.

2D BLAST FURNACE TO BE COMPLETED -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 32, 6 Feb 1950

The installation of the second blast furnace in the metallurgical combine in Sisak began in mid-winter of 1949-50. Five furnaces for heating the air which is blown into the blast furnaces have been completed. The second blast furnace, like the first, will have a capacity of 150 tons of pig iron per day. Both furnaces will produce almost as much pig iron in one year as all of pre-war Yugoslavia produced during a similar period. The 1934 production was 101,000 tons.

The construction of the rolling mill for seamless steel pipes, which will be attached to the ironworks at Sisak, is continuing through the winter.

In addition to the main 100-meter-long room of the rolling mill, two auxiliary rooms are under construction. The first machines for the production of seamless pipes recently arrived at the ironworks. They will be installed as soon as the rolling mill is under roof. Thus in 1950 Yugoslavia will produce its first seamless pipes, which are used for drilling petroleum, for steam boilers, locomotives, refineries, and hydro installations.

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